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NEWSLETTER
FOCUS ON FRIENDS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Library Winter Hours

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 12:00-4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY: 10:30 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY: 2:00-6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Dear FRIENDS of the Voluntown Public Library,

2010 was a year of multiple emotions and times when our community came together to assist, comfort or celebrate. We put that year behind us...but not the people. They will always remain on our minds and in our hearts.

As 2011 begins, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the happiest and healthiest year possible.

Snow will soon be falling and ice becoming a hazard. We ask that everyone please be careful, whether on roads or sidewalks.

Until next time...

Diana Ingraham and Anne Olsen
Co-editors, Focus on Friends
Paula Jordan, Consultant

From the Substitute Librarian's Desk:

Our Librarian Deborah Fleet is, unfortunately, still out on medical leave. We wish Deb all the best in her recovery. Meanwhile, Cathy Rubin, a retired high school librarian, is substituting for Deborah a few hours a week.

The Library wishes to thank the **Pachaug Grange** for a very generous donation. Thanks also goes to the **Jewett City Bank Foundation** for its donation to purchase a new patron-use computer, which will replace the old one that keeps failing. Of course, the **Friends of the Library** deserve a big "Thank You" for their continued financial support in these difficult economic times.

Voluntown Public Library has more than books, magazines, books on tape and CDs to offer. There are currently three computers, soon to be four, which have Internet access. These computers are available on a first-come basis for at least one-half hour at a time. Computer and internet use lessons are available. Call the library to schedule a time for these one-on-one lessons.

For outdoor adventures, the library has backpacks outfitted with binoculars, emergency blanket, pocket guides for trees, flowers, bugs and minerals, and other hiking materials. Discount museum passes to Mystic Aquarium, Denison-Pequotsepos Nature Center, Roger Williams Zoo and Wadsworth Athenaeum are available, as well as vehicle entrance fee waivers for all state parks, including Dinosaur, Trumbull and Gillette Castle State Parks.

Any homebound Voluntown resident can arrange with library staff to have books, magazines, movies and books on tape or CD delivered. Please make arrangements to allow enough time for this service.

The **knitting and crochet group, young writer's club, adult writer's group, story time for children** and the **new book club** are regular activities enjoyed at the library. The library also offers one-time activities and events. For example, eleven children and four adults stopped at the drop-in craft program on November 30 to make holiday ornaments and several people used the free blood pressure clinic on November 23.

For access to many newspapers and magazines from the library's web site at www.voluntown.gov, click on iConn, which will link you to Articles from magazines, journals, newswire services, etc.; newspapers; websites about Health, Science, Business, History and Genealogy; Informe!, which has articles in Spanish and reQuest, the statewide library catalog.

The library subscribes to three very helpful internet sites, accessed on the library's home webpage.

- First is **Family Caregiving**, for people caring for a loved one who is ill or disabled. It's a great place to find assistance, answers, new ideas and helpful advice.
- Second is **JobNow**; live, anytime, anywhere job assistance, including up-to-date nation-wide and local job search engines, professional resume critique and proven interview techniques.
- Last is **Shmoop.com**; online SAT and PSAT prep by educators and learning guides for all school subject areas by experts and educators.

As a final piece of information, the 2011 Collaborative **Summer Reading Program** is being planned. This year's nationwide theme is **Many Worlds, Many Stories**. If you have a skill, interest or activity that supports this multicultural theme and you would like to share it with children, teens or adults this summer, please call the library and let us know. The Summer Reading Program is for everyone who enjoys learning, reading and being involved in the community.

Cathy Rubin
Substituting for
Deborah Fleet



Book Club is Newest Program at Voluntown Public Library

Voluntown Library's new **Book Club** will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join. Selected books can be requested through reQuest, Connecticut's statewide library catalog. Go to the library's website at www.voluntown.org to access reQuest, or call the library and we will do it for you.

The first book discussed was **Sarah's Key**, by Tatina de Rosnay, a novel that goes back and forth between France during World War II and modern day France. A lively and informative discussion was enjoyed by all at the December meeting.

The book selected for January is **The Shadow of the Wind**, by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, which takes place in post-World War II Barcelona. Young Daniel is taken by his bookseller father to the Cemetery of Forgotten Books, a massive sanctuary where books are guarded from oblivion. Told to choose one book to protect, he selects *The Shadow of the Wind*, by Julian Carax. He reads it, loves it and soon learns it is both very valuable and very much in danger because someone is determinedly burning every copy of every book written by the obscure Carax. Part detective story, part boy's adventure, part romance, fantasy and gothic horror, the intricate plot is urged on by extravagant foreshadowing and nail-nibbling tension. *Review written by Keir Graff Copyright © American Library Association*

February's book selection is **Tender at the Bone**, by Ruth Reichl. *New York Times* restaurant critic, Reichl's memoir covers her early life, combining dozens of anecdotes with an occasional recipe. Reichl's storytelling mastery makes characters stand out vividly. Most memorable is her affectionate, exasperated portrait of her mother. Afflicted with manic depression, her mother prepared huge, elaborate dinners with aging foods from questionable sources, and her guests and family suffered from more than one bout of acute food poisoning. The unpretentiousness of Reichl's prose has marked her *Times* success and makes her memoir equally satisfying. *Review written by Mark Knoblauch, Booklist*



WINTER HOURS AT THE LIBRARY

START NOVEMBER 1, 2010 AND CONTINUE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2011.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 12:00-4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY: 10:30 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY: 2:00-6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Voluntown Library will be closed the following holidays:

Friday, December 31, 2010 - January 2, 2011 (New Year's weekend)
 Monday, January 17, 2011 (Martin Luther King Day)
 Monday, February 21, 2011 (Presidents' Day)
 Friday, April 22, 2011 (Good Friday)
 Monday, May 30, 2011 (Memorial Day)
 Monday, July 4, 2011 (Independence Day)
 Monday, September 5, 2011 (Labor Day)
 Monday, October 10, 2011 (Columbus Day)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

YOUNG WRITERS

Second Tuesday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Dates are: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10, 2011.

STORY TIME

Alternate Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., ages two and up. Program is limited to twelve children.

The dates are: January 25, February 8 and 22, March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19, and May 3 and 17.

KNITTING AND CROCHET

Third Tuesday of the month from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Dates are: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, 2011 and May 17, 2011.

BIRDS OF PREY

Adult program presented by Robert Tougias on Tuesday, January, 11 at 6:30. Slide presentation and lecture.

BOOK CLUB

Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. See article on previous page for books to be discussed.

Dates will be January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13 and May 11.

CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY & TACTICS

Presented by R. James Thevenet and Greg Webster on March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration is appreciated and, at times, necessary due to space limitations.

Call 860-376-0485 to register.

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Thank you to the Friends of the Voluntown Library for providing funds to purchase new books for the library. Thanks also to **Barbara Maffey, Paula Thiel, Sharon Goldman and Judith Allik** for their donations of like-new books to add to our collection.

Fiction:

Room by Emma Donoghue
Cutting For Stone by Abraham Verghese
The Art of Losing by Rebecca Connell
The Confession by John Grisham
Fall of Giants by Ken Follett
Full Dark, No Stars by Stephen King
Safe Haven by Nicholas Sparks
Mini Shopaholic by Sophie Kinsella
The Red Queen by Philippa Gregory
I Still Dream About You by Fannie Flagg
Lost Empire by Clive Cussler
Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk by David Sedaris
Playing the Game by Barbara Taylor Bradford
The Thorn by Beverly Lewis
Sarah's Key by Tatiana De Rosnay
A Secret Kept by Tatiana De Rosnay
The Island by Elin Hildebrand
Christmas Eve at Friday Harbor by Lisa Kleypass
Getting to Happy by Terry McMillan

Young Adult/Juvenile

Vampire's Assistant & Other Tales by Darren Shan
The Ugly Truth by Jeff Kinney
Halt's Peril
Witch & Wizard: The Gift by James Patterson
Astro the Stellar Sea Lion by Jeanne Harvey
Night Whispers by Erin Hunter
Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
Cross Fire by James Patterson

Non-fiction

Small-Scale Livestock Farming by Carol Ekarius
Tony Blair: My Political Life by Tony Blair
Baby Love—Healthy, Easy, Delicious Meals for Your Baby
and Toddler by Norah O'Donnell

From the Selectmen's Office

Season's greetings to our residents — now numbering approximately 2,619!

Uncas Health District provides services for the Town of Voluntown. Recently, they notified us that a free "Health Homes" inspection is available. A representative will inspect your home for hazards that will be identified and corrections recommended. This is not a regulatory inspection. It is an education-based program to recognize hazards and suggest remedies. You can call Devon Thornton, Inspector, at the Uncas Health District (860-823-1189) or email him at dthornton@uncashd.org if you would like to set up an appointment.

The Town was fortunate enough to acquire a copy of the original map of Voluntown from the State Library. It will soon be on display in the Town Hall meeting room. The map shows the original land grants and boundaries. A large "V" was placed on rocks throughout the Town as markers. If anyone knows the location of any of these "V" rocks, please let me know as we would like to keep a record of their exact locations for future residents.

We would like to thank the Historical Society, especially Mrs. Patricia Thevenet, for her efforts in locating and pushing for the restoration of this parchment and leather map, which for many years lay forgotten in the State Archives. If not for her efforts, it would have disintegrated to a point where it could no longer be restored.

As always, I am available to address your questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to call the Selectmen's office at 860-376-5880 and I will be glad to help you.

Ronald Millovitsch
First Selectman

BOOK DONATIONS: Although we appreciate the donations of used books for our book sale, we are asking that you please not put more than five books for donation into the book return box as it gets too full and patrons cannot return library materials. If possible, bring donations to the library when we are open. As always, no musty, dirty or damaged books. Thank you!



Voluntown Elementary School

Dear Friends of the Voluntown Library:

We are proud to announce the names of students who attained honor roll status for the first marking period.

Fourth Grade

High Honors

Honors

Sydney Brewer
Scott Davidson
Shayne Evans

Honors

Julia Florence
Hannah Girard
Calla Millovitsch

Honors

Ryan Owens
Robert Rothbard
Jenna Schwery
Noah Smith
Ethan Spivey

Fifth Grade

High Honors

Ryan Kornacki

Honors

Logan Bridgham
Jessica Bryan
Kelly Daigneault
Alexander Fitzpatrick
Malcolm Fowler

Honors

Amber Gardiner
Marshall Giroux
Hannah L'Etoile
Mackenna Martinez
Nathan McLallen

Honors

Chelsea Northup
Hayley Thompson
Katelyn VanLanen
Alyssa Welsch
Spencer Whelan
Juliet Wittwer

Sixth Grade

High Honors

Gabrielle Christy
Johnathan Florence
Eli Lachapelle
Emma Mandeville
Nicole Palmer
Morgan Smith
Elizabeth Wyland

Honors

Zyrah Figueroa
Payge Marler
Devin Mitchell

Honors

Alan Rondeau
Sydney Rothbard
Olivia Torres

Seventh Grade

High Honors

Peyton Marler

Honors

Quinten Arsenault
Cassidy Martinez

Honors

Lea Rychlovsky
Christina Theroux

Eighth Grade

High Honors

Sydney Pepper
Breanna Salter
Megan Weir

Honors

Heather Edwards
Christopher Hartman

Honors

Kendra Hazard
Christina Wyland

Christmas recess is from December 24, 2010—January 3, 2011.

A hearty thank you goes to all of our volunteers for all that you do for our school. We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,
Mary T. Chinigo

Board of Education and Superintendent Begin Work on 2011/2012 Budget

The process for the development of the education budget for 2011/12 has begun using the following timeline developed in cooperation with town officials. All budget meetings are open to interested citizens.

Thursday, 1/13/11 — Superintendent summary report of 11/12 budget to Board	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 2/10/11 — Superintendent's 11/12 Proposal submitted to Board	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 2/24/11 — Board of Education Budget Meeting (if needed)	
Thursday, 3/10/11 — Updated 11/12 budget proposal presented to Board	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 3/31/11 — 11/12 Proposed Budget sent to Town Clerk for public dissemination	
Tuesday, 4/5/11 — Public Hearing for 11/12 Proposed Budget	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 4/14/11 — Board of Education approves 11/12 Proposed Budget	7:00 p.m.
Friday, 4/15/11 — Approved Budget delivered to Town Clerk for public dissemination	
Thursday, 5/12/11 — Projected date for Annual Town Meeting to vote on the Town and Board of Education Budgets to be held at Voluntown Elementary School gymnasium	7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam S. Burrows, Superintendent
Diana M. Ingraham, Board Chair

Senior Citizen Highlights

Our trip to see the Radio City Rockettes Christmas Spectacular at Providence Performing Arts Center was just that...spectacular! What a way to bring in the holiday season!

The regular December meeting was a Christmas Party with a delicious buffet luncheon provided by Dean's Corner. A large pile of "door prizes" assured that nearly everyone went home with a little something to make their spirits bright.

For the January 3rd meeting the Library has arranged for a **Nutritionist** to make a presentation. A Potluck Lunch is planned for 12:00.

On February 7th a group called "**Sunshine Chorus**" will play the game "Name That Tune" and we will also have "**The Swinging Star Dancers**".

Seniors meet the first Monday of each month at 1:00 at the Fire House. If there is a Monday holiday, we meet the next day (Tuesday). Storms cancel meetings. Light refreshments are served and blood pressure screening is also available.

If you have questions or want to sign up for a trip, call Audrey Grenier at 376-3869.

News from Aura Hall

Aura Seura has been celebrating honors for members in its 87th year. Carl Anderson reminded us of Christmas Pageants from years past and Hannu's "White Rose" from Finland. Lars Rafeldt welcomed over eighty members to the Christmas party on a rainy December 11. Rice pudding with fruit soup and the lucky almond perfumed the hall. If you receive the almond in your dish, luck will fill your year.



Santa (Joulu Pukki) arrived for the many children who sang together with starry eyes. Fun continued throughout the evening as everyone shared memories, conversed with each other and ate the delicious pulla ring, Finnish cookies and so much more prepared by Merja Hanslin, Anja Mallinen, Esther Jalkanen, Josie Stenback, Ilma Tikkanen and Eila Makipurro. Thank you to all for your dedication and joy!

Other events have filled the fall—the agricultural display, craft market, planning meeting for 2010-2011 events and Halloween Party with music from Mark Makipuro and Knyte Flyte. Ask around town to find out who was the farmer woman "carrying a pumpkin" who gave birth one month later.

But the winter is coming and so Aura will hibernate until next year.

Happy and Peaceful New Year!
Lili Rafeldt

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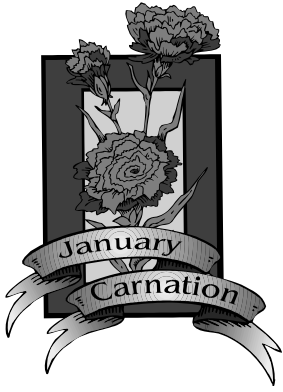
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

3	SENIOR CITIZENS	POTLUCK LUNCH, MEETING AND NUTRITIONIST PRESENTER	12:00
7	GIRL SCOUTS	ORDERING FOR GIRL SCOUT COOKIES BEGINS	
11	LIBRARY	YOUNG WRITERS' GROUP	5:00-6:00
	LIBRARY	BIRDS OF PREY WITH ROBERT TOUGIAS	6:30
12	LIBRARY	BOOK CLUB— <i>THE SHADOW OF THE WIND</i>	7:00
13	BOARD OF ED	SUMMARY REPORT OF SCHOOL BUDGET	7:00
15	LIBRARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		
17	LIBRARY CLOSED — MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY		
18	LIBRARY	KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP	6:15-7:30
21	CUB SCOUTS	PINE WOOD DERBY	6:30
25	LIBRARY	STORY TIME	11:00



COMMUNITY CALENDAR



7	SENIOR CITIZENS	MEETING, "SUNSHINE CHORUS" AND "SWINGING STAR DANCERS"	1:00
8	LIBRARY	STORY TIME	11:00
	LIBRARY	YOUNG WRITERS' GROUP	5:00-6:00
9	LIBRARY	BOOK CLUB— <i>TENDER AT THE BONE</i>	7:00
10	BOARD OF ED	PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET	7:00
14	VALENTINE'S DAY		
21	LIBRARY CLOSED — PRESIDENTS' DAY		
22	LIBRARY	STORY TIME	11:00
24	BOARD OF ED	BUDGET MEETING (IF NEEDED)	7:00
25	CUB SCOUTS	BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET	

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Scouting Around Town

Voluntown's Cub Scout Pack 74 has been very busy! The boys are all working hard to earn their badges and belt loops.

Our first family campout was a success and the boys enjoyed Mr. Clements' demonstrating how to fix a tire on a bike as well as some games of kickball and time in the woods.

During the month of October, many of the boys enjoyed events at Camp Tadmra learning to shoot sling shots and some basics of archery. They ended the month with a trip to the "Haunted Woods" and carved pumpkins for Mr. Fontaine's pumpkin display.

We're hoping that the community enjoyed the tree lighting celebration in December. A special thanks to the community for supporting this event. Many of our local businesses contributed toward making this day special for our children. A thanks also goes to the community for their support of our Popcorn sale.

Each of our Dens continues to work hard toward advancement to the next level which will be celebrated at the Blue and Gold Banquet on February 25th. The Webelos have earned their Forester and Citizenship badges with the help of Lester Davis and our First Selectman Ronnie Millovitsch.

Our Tigers had a wonderful visit to Wylie School learning about Voluntown history. Thanks to Mrs. Mary Anne Nieminen for taking the time to teach the boys.

Service and duty to the community are important Cub Scout goals. We are happy to report that we collected 898 cans for the St. Mary's food pantry. The Webelos also joined the Boy Scouts on a cleanup at Green Falls.

Looking forward to more events as the year progresses, we'd like to invite everyone to visit the Voluntown Elementary School on January 21st at 6:30 for our Annual Pine Wood Derby.

Finally, we'd like to welcome Victoria Clements as our Pack Committee Chair. If you need any information about scouting, please contact Victoria or our Cub Master Tom Smith (860-564-0265) for details.

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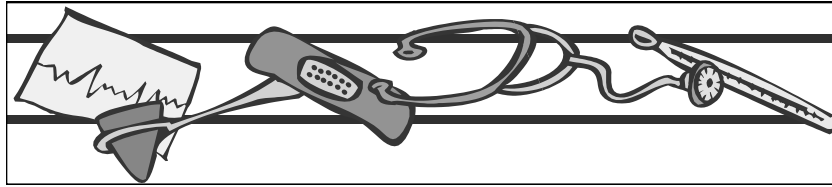
From Girl Scout Troop 63134

The girls were busy at the end of the year with activities and projects. In December we went to Voluntown Elderly Housing for a Holiday Tea that included a small holiday play and singing songs. After weeks of planning and practice, it was a wonderful show, the girls did great and everyone left with a smile.

Two girls worked on their Bronze Award projects in November and December. One girl collected 190 pounds of food for the Gemma Moran food bank and brought it all to the WCTY food drive at Big Y in Norwich. Another girl collected toys to help area families in need. Her goal was to collect 100 toys. She ended up with 180 and all toys were delivered by Christmas! Great job to both girls! A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to both projects!

The initial order for **Girl Scout cookies** begins on January 7th. Watch for the girls and their cookie sheets or me at 860-376-0364.

Happy New Year!
Vicki Schwery, Leader
Girl Scout Troop 63134

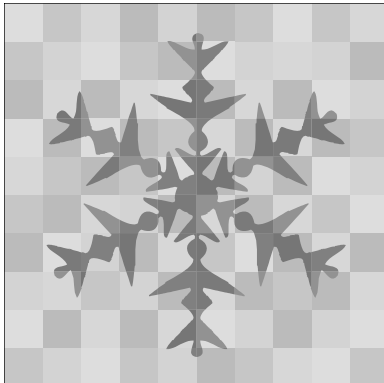


Community Health Fair
Friday, April 1, 2001 — 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Voluntown Elementary School Gym

Interested citizens are invited to attend a Community Health Fair to be held on April 1, 2001 in the Elementary School gym from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Participants will focus on home and health safety, early detection and diagnoses of illness, living a healthy lifestyle, services accessible to Voluntown residents and other relevant topics. Selected health screening tests will also be available.

The Voluntown substance Abuse Prevention Council is sponsoring this major event for our town. The Council is a community organization that receives annual funding from SERAC, the Southeastern Regional Action Council. The Council is advisory in nature and is eager to welcome new members who are interested in the issues of alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention as well as gambling prevention. We are especially focused on these concerns as they affect the youth of our community.

If you are interested in joining the Council or participating in the health fair, please contact Judith Allik, Ph.D., through the Elementary School at 860-376-2325 or jallik@voluntownct.org for more information.



*"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant:
 if we did not sometimes taste of adversity,
 prosperity would not be so welcome."*

Anne Bradstreet
 (1612-1672)

Focus on Friends News Deadlines

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Distribution Date</u>
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May/June	April 15	May 1
July/August	June 15	July 1

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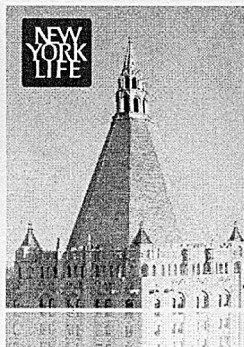
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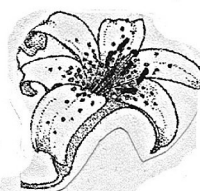
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In Memoriam

The Voluntown Volunteer Fire Company lost one of its finest on November 9, 2010. Joe Grenier joined the Fire Department as a cadet fire fighter at the age of sixteen and proudly served our town for 66 years, leading as the Chief for 33 of those years. In addition, he was instrumental in bringing the ambulance service to Voluntown as well as serving on the firehouse building committee.

Joe was a friend to all. Many residents have fond childhood memories of being transported safely to and from school on School Bus #3. He served on many town committees, as chairman of Festival Days and coordinator of the Memorial Day Parade for many years until recently passing the baton. As a Justice of the Peace, Joe performed many marriage ceremonies in Voluntown and the surrounding area.

His skill and talent in painting fire trucks was what he was best known for and he painted many fire trucks from all over the Northeast.

Joe and Audrey, his wife of 59 years, raised five daughters and two sons, all of whom have followed in Joe's footsteps by volunteering and serving their communities

Known for his kindness, patience and his calm and collected demeanor, Joe was dedicated to his family, his friends and the Town of Voluntown.

Joe will be greatly missed.

Fire House Smoke

The unexpected snowfall in November resulted in our responding to two very serious car accidents. Voluntown Volunteer Fire Company also responded as mutual aid to Griswold on December 7th for a tragic car accident where four young lives were lost. Our rescue personnel worked hand-in-hand with Griswold Fire Department at the scene. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of the accident victims.

We would also like to recognize Griswold Fire Department's hard work and assistance as they respond with mutual aid to Voluntown when needed. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

Three new members of our Fire Department are enrolled in Firefighter I Class. We are pleased to report that FEMA funds received by our Department will be used to purchase high-visibility turnout jackets for EMTs. We are currently in need of daytime volunteer EMTs. Please call 860-376-0475 to find out more about volunteering for your town.

A great opportunity exists to improve your health and physical fitness and have fun at the same time. On Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Fire House, Kenny DelaCruz conducts Karate classes for all ages. Stop in to see Kenny and learn about the many benefits of practicing Karate.

As always, check that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly, buckle up and BE SAFE!

John Gileau
Deputy Chief

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Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot

Weekend Masses:

St. Thomas: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

St. Anne: Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
except Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Rosary is recited after daily morning Mass, Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass

Adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held every First Friday of the month from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Solemn Benediction.

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Please call the Rectory in advance. Preparation class is required for all parents.

Religious Education Classes for children are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for grades one through ten as per the schedule. Classes are under the direction of the pastor and director, Cathy Becotte—376-8665.

Parish Registration: Catholics moving into the parish should register as soon as possible. Also please inform us of any changes in address or phone number.

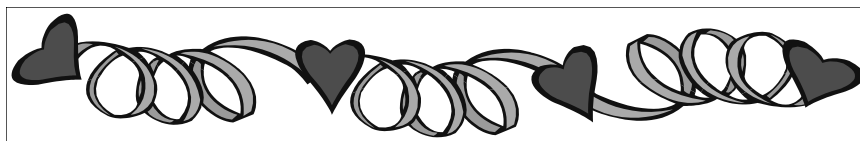
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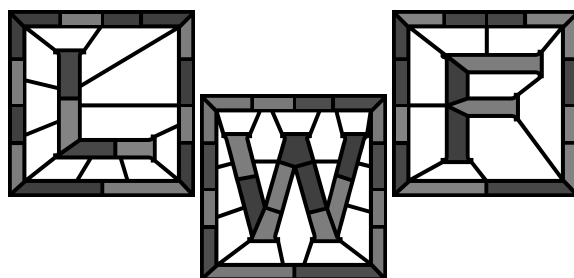
St. Thomas Travelers will be having some traveling news in February or March 2011.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Pat and Stephen Gwiazda



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SUNDAY

Worship Service is held each week at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and fellowship immediately following the service. Supervised childcare is available during the service.

Children's Sunday School is available each week following the service; 10:30-11:30*

Adult Sunday School is available each week following the service; 10:30-11:30*

Youth Group meets each from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is open to all community students in grades 7-9 and high school students who have attended in the past.

TUESDAY

Women's Group holds their meeting each 2nd Tuesday of the month. You do not have to be an officer to attend these meetings!

WEDNESDAY

Family Fellowship Night is held each week begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served followed by Bible classes for all ages, young to adult. This is open to anyone seeking spiritual fellowship and great food.

THURSDAY

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) holds meetings each week at 5:45. This is open to anyone interested in joining.

FRIDAY

Children's Playgroup meets each week at 9:30 a.m. Come enjoy adult conversation while the children enjoy playtime with peers. All ages of children are welcome.

*There are various Bible Studies held throughout the week as well as Sunday School classes. Contact the church office for a complete list of these studies and the times they meet.

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